

A Brief “Surf” Through the DPR Databases

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DPR Web References and Descriptions

DPR homepage; our entry into all the other resources:

<http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/>

To get into the databases, look under the “Quickfinder” and find the link labeled “databases:”

<http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/dprdatabase.htm>

For the library index, look under “databases” and find the link labeled “Pesticide Data Index Search” (8th button down the page)

<http://jolie.cdpr.ca.gov/cfdocs/ereglib/>

This area is where you can find out what studies have been submitted, by whom, in support of what product(s) or active ingredient(s). Please realize that this is only an index of the titles, not the actual data. If the title contains a name of an inert ingredient, or a manufacturing process, the study ID will come up with “No Title Available.” The more specificity you have in your query, the less likely you are to “time out” on the computer.

This link is titled, “Pesticide Product With Target Pest Information” but is so much more...

<http://state.ceris.purdue.edu/doc/ca/stateca.html>

This window opens a multitude of search options. You can search by pest or by site, and you can get lists sorted by active ingredient. These data must be double-checked against California-registered labels, but is a great starting point.

A bit further down the list is “Product/Label Search”

<http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/label/labelque.htm>

This will be a frequently used site, so you might want to bookmark it. We will come back and explore this site in more detail later...

If you need forms or instructions, use the “Register A Product” link under the “Featured Links” (left hand column):

<http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/registration/regforms.htm>

This page has all the forms you will need to submit your application for registration. It also has instructions and forms for other registration activities.

The main Pesticide Registration Branch webpage is accessible under either: “Registration” in the Quick Finder or “Programs and Services” on the right side of the main webpage.

<http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/registration/regmenu.htm>

This page has news, updated bulletins of interest to registrants, and links to resources that you may find helpful. You can also link into the product/label database, library data index, and other databases from here.

For a collection of resources regarding AB 1011, please check the following link out, located at the bottom of the Registration main page, under “Informational Reports:”

<http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/legbills/ab1011/resource.htm>

This includes the text of the legislation, frequently asked questions and answers, the lists of recently registered products and amendments, and links to the product/label database and library data index.

More on the “Product/Label Search”

<http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/label/labelque.htm#regprods> or

<http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/label/labelque.htm>

This page will be your single most-used site; bookmark it or put it on a quick-find button on your computer. While it is possible to download a list of the (almost 12,000) products currently registered in California, you need to know that this list changes hourly. We register products 365 days a year, so any list you download to print is out-of-date before you even get it printed! It will be well worth your time to learn your way around in the Product/Label Database so that you can find the information you need more easily.

When you are looking at a particular product’s report, you will have a number of report format choices. The “Brief Report” format gives you the basic information, but does not give you explicit details for sites (REI or PHI, active or inactive, etc.). The “Full PIR” gives you the most detail, and also uses the most paper if you are printing it. The Full PIR does list active sites first, with any REI or PHI restrictions, then sites which have been removed from labels (inactive or lapsed).

There are a number of things that are NOT reflected on our websites: whether or not a product is a “Restricted Use” product, whether or not a product is conditionally registered or under reevaluation, the specific pest (which weed, insect, or germ), and some specific sites. If you need to know about restricted use products, call or email me and I can email you a list. If you need to find a product to use against a specific pest (mosquitoes), you can use the “pesticide products with target pest information” link we saw earlier. Some of these things are not even captured in our database, some are simply not reflected on the external website.

Product Name Query: <http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/label/prodnam.htm> Takes you to a look-up box where you may type in a product name, or partial name. This is most useful when the name is a short one, and one that is rather unique. “Insecticide” would NOT be a good choice for a name fragment! Remember that the “string-search” is very literal – hyphens, commas, “and vs. &,” spaces, etc. make a huge difference in the results. You will have a much easier time if you know the registration number of the product.

Registration Number Query: <http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/label/epanum.htm> This leads you to a look-up box where you may type in a registration number or part of a registration number. If you are looking up multiple numbers, separate them with a comma. You do NOT have to know the revision or alpha code! AA, ZA, ZB, EX, etc. are revision codes or alpha codes; they are not required to be printed on the product label. These are DPR artifacts that help the computer keep track of multiple variations on the same EPA Registration number.

Look-up By Single Chemical Code: <http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/label/chemcode.htm> If you have a product with only one chemical active ingredient, this site may be very helpful. To find your chemical code number, put in the name of the chemical in the top box and see what you get. Again, this is a string-search, so commas, spaces, hyphens, etc. COUNT! If you know the common name of the chemical, it is often easier to use it and avoid spelling challenges. Once you get a chemical code number, you may put that number in the second box, and check “active products only” if you wish.

If you get “No matches for that query” you know there are no products actively registered. You can “uncheck” the “active products only” box to see if there ever WERE any products registered containing that active ingredient.

Look-up By Single Site Code: <http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/label/sitecode.htm>. If you need to know all products registered for use on a specific site, this is the search for you. You will have to type in the name of the commodity or site in the top box, and select as many of the results as you think might apply to your situation. Again, this is a string-search. You may want to leave off the ending “S” or “IES” for agricultural commodities (strawberr_ rather than strawberry or strawberries). Sometimes finding a site code is very difficult. If you have an odd one, please feel free to email or call and I can try to find the best match.

“Multiple Variable” look-up: <http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/label/m4.htm>
I strongly suggest that you read the instructions page before jumping into this site:
<http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/label/instruc2.htm>. These instructions will give you helpful hints and suggestions for navigating the rapids here...

The best part of using the multiple-variable look-up is that you can put in up to three active ingredients and their percentages, to more closely match the product you are interested in. The pull-down window between “chemical code” and “percentage” has five different options: greater than, less than, greater than or equal to, less than or equal to, and equal to. I suggest starting with the “equal to” and opening the percentages up if you do not have any matching products.

Some general hints and suggestions:

If your computer starts running REALLY slow when you are in the DPR website, you may need to de-frag or clear your cache and try again. Depending on your computer, the website may run better, faster, etc. on either Microsoft Explore or Netscape. You will just have to play with it and see which works better for you.

With more and more people using our website for preliminary research into products that may be like their products, you may want to check your own products’ descriptions in the label file database. The computer descriptions are NOT meant to replace the registered label, but they do give a fairly good idea of what the products are registered for. If you find an error (something missing, or something that is listed that should not be there), please drop me an email with the registration number of the product and as complete a description of the discrepancy as you can. The coding staff are human, and sometimes humans make errors or omissions. I will endeavor to correct any errors as soon as they are brought to my attention, and will let you know when they are completed. Please give us at least 90 days after your product or amendment is registered, before you look for it on the website. The brand name and registration number, with date of registration will be on the website the next morning, if this is a new product, but the rest of the label information may take 90 days or so to be input.

I want to encourage you to surf around in the DPR website, get familiar with the tools that are available for your use, and call or email if you have trouble figuring out how to get from here to there and back again! My direct telephone number is (916) 324-3563 and my email is emahoney@cdpr.ca.gov. I do try to return calls and emails at the earliest possible opportunity!